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Amended claims

1. A tooth cleaning means (1) consisting of monofilament or multifilament threads, wherein the threads (4,5) are highly-elastically stretchable and under the effect of tensile forces their cross sectional area reduce, characterised in that the threads by way of textile processing, specifically by one of the methods from the selection of braiding, weaving or knitting, are formed into a formation which has an abrasively acting surface, and that the tooth cleaning means is endlessly manufactured and formed such that the threads (4, 5) are connected amongst one another such that a severing is possible without the threads coming undone.
2. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that the means (1) consists of several monofilament or multifilament threads and these at any desired distance, to one another are unreleasably connected amongst one another (3) over a short distance.
3. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 2, characterised in that the unreleasable connection (3) is effected by adhesing, pressing or welding.
4. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 2, characterised in that at the connection location (2) there is arranged an oblique cut or an oblique cut separating location.
5. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that the monofilament or multifilament threads (4, 5) are provided at least with one thread in a colouring differing from the remaining ones.
6. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that there are present at least one thread (4, 5) with a bright and with a dark colour tone.

7. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that at least two monofilament threads (4, 5) are integrated with cross sectional areas differing greatly in size and which consist of the same or different materials.
8. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one monofilament or multifilament thread is coated with tooth or gum caring means.
9. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the monofilament or multifilament threads (4, 5) are manufactured of latex.